

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Military Activity in the Area of the 25th Tank Div

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. On 20 August 1954, the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse (4741) in Prenzlau was still occupied by a new unit. At about 1630 on 22 July, the following tank column came from the direction of the freight station and moved to the kaserne: 2 JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and 3 T-34s [REDACTED]. On both 9 and 10 August, 8 T-34 tanks [REDACTED] left the kaserne for the tank training site. On 12 August, JS-2 tank [REDACTED] was identified in the billeting area. On 13 August, JS-2 tank [REDACTED] and T-34 tanks [REDACTED] drove to the training area. Troops daily practiced driving in columns with the following driving-school trucks: [REDACTED]

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2. On 10 August, the kaserne on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse quartered about 1,000 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three S-3 tanks [REDACTED] stood near the target range.
3. On 20 August, the kaserne on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzlau was vacant except for a guard detail. Fatigue details reconditioned six buildings.

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4. On 10 August, the kaserne on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse was occupied by a guard detail of about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. On 13 August, the SS Kaserne and Sachsenhausen concentration camp (4681 or 4682) in Oranienburg were still occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed. Truck [REDACTED] entered the installation through the gates on Trift Strasse. 2

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6. In early August, the evacuation of the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was continued. Two or three trucks of the driver school daily left the camp with barracks sections toward Sachsenhausen and returned in the afternoon. On 13 August, the quarters were still occupied by 150 to 170 soldiers. On 15 August, about 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia and about 15 uniformed women marched to the Schustaschhaus. Between 14 and 21 August, trucks [REDACTED]

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occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets daily drove to the firing ranges near the Klinkerwerke. No troops were seen at driving practices. 2

7. In August, a construction headquarters from Vogelsang was seen in the restricted Weisse Stadt (4683) area. Almost all quarters including kitchens and messhalls were listed for reconditioning. Reconditioning work will be started soon.

1. Company. Probably the return of elements of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 25th Tank Div, which were entrained for shipment to Templin on 18 July.

2. Company. The report indicates that the quarters in the SS Kaserns and former concentration camp in Sachsenhausen in Oranienburg were still occupied by rear details of the 25th Tank Div in the second half of August. The details belong to those elements which were transferred to Prenzlau.

3. Company. According to the observations made at the posts of Prenzlau and Brandenburg, the bulk of the units of the units of the 25th Tank Div were still located at the Templin troop training grounds up to the last week of August.

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